

KCAL9
Programs and Issues Report
First Quarter
January-March 2003

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Throughout this quarter the National and International stages took priority during local newscasts. Breaking news and extended news coverage focused on the anticipated and eventual war. This is reflected in all of the categories.

WAR COVERAGE

In covering the Iraqi conflict, KCAL/KCBS reporters Dave Bryan and Linda Alvarez were embedded with military units. They filed reports from Kuwait, Iraq and other locations via satellite phone transmissions. These reports were aired live or via video in all newscasts when available.

Locally, 2 full-time reporters were assigned to report information coming from the war zone. Other reporters were assigned to cover local effects, such as Southern California military personnel who lost their lives, those deployed and the families living in Southern California.

KCAL had on a regular basis retired Brigadier General Art Bloomer to explain military action and results from that action. Each segment with the General was approximately 3-6 minutes in length. In addition, political analyst Sherry Bebitch Jeffe was utilized for her expertise on foreign relations and the national political scene.

NETWORK WAR COVERAGE

In addition to our local war coverage, KCAL utilized CBS Network News and CNN resources to bring viewers the best information and pictures possible. Live and recorded reports from correspondents were aired daily.

PSA'S

Once war broke out in Iraq, many advertisers withdrew their commercials. KCAL9 aired in their place Public Service Announcements and promos allowing non-profit and government organizations additional airtime and promoting the station's comprehensive news coverage.

LAX SHOOTING**Jan 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from LAX that Mayor James Hahn promised tough new security at LAX after a gunman went on a shooting rampage last 4th of July.

VILLARAIGOSA KICKOFF**Jan 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :41)**

KCAL9 anchor Jamie Garza reported that Antonio Villaraigosa announced from his campaign headquarters in Boyle Heights that he is running for LA City Council. Villaraigosa is running because he is not happy with the recent rise in crime within the district. The former assembly leader wants to push out Nick Pacheco, who holds the seat in the city's 14th council district.

PURSUIT POLICY**Jan 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from South Central Los Angeles that the LA Police Commission stopped certain kinds of police chases due to the numerous accidents that often result in tragedy.

DO NOT CALL**Jan 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that members of the Federal Trade Commission held a briefing to discuss how the Do Not Call Telemarketing list will be financed. Those behind the list want government leaders to charge telemarketers a fee to purchase the list. Companies would have to comply and would be required to have the list at hand.

SOUTHGATE PD**Jan 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :43)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Mayor Ruvalcaba has declared a state of emergency in the city of Southgate. The mayor states that an internal affairs audit reveals on-going police misconduct. The report says police often harasses citizens after they filed a report against the police department.

STATE BUDGET**Jan 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :57)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Governor Davis proposed a massive tax increase in his newly released budget plans. Davis wants to raise the state sales tax, cigarette tax, and increase taxes for those in a higher income bracket. California has a deficit of \$35 billion.

GUN FINGERPRINT

Jan 13, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :39)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Mayor Jim Hahn and LA Police Chief Bill Bratton announced their support for a new proposal to fight gun violence. The proposal involves the set-up of a national database for gun fingerprinting and the test firing of all new guns sold in the US. The unique markings that guns leave on bullets and shell casings would go on file for comparison with ballistic evidence from crime scenes.

BRATTON INTERVIEW

Jan 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 5:00)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that LA Police Chief William Bratton has declared war on gangs. The police chief joined Pat and Kerry from a community meeting in South Central Los Angeles for a live interview. Bratton says the gangs are worse than the mafia and he plans to dismantle them.

MILLER/BRATTON

Jan 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :47)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Police Chief William Bratton appointed John Miller as the new head of Los Angeles' homeland security office. Miller is a former journalist and a long time friend of Bratton. Miller accepted the job amid much controversy because he had no police academy training and no experience in standard police operations.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Jan 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge was sworn in as America's first secretary of homeland security. President Bush stood by as Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath of office. The Homeland Security Department was begun after the September 11th terrorist attacks.

SOUTHGATE RECALL

Jan 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :14)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Southgate that four city leaders have been accused of fraud and corruption. A recall election will be held to decide what should be done with these leaders.

SENATE HEARING IRAQ

Jan 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the Senate Foreign Relations committee wants to know what evidence the US has to support its claims that Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction. Senator Dodd wants hard evidence presented to the committee before Secretary of State Colin Powell appears before the UN Security Council.

IRAQ INSPECTORS

February 4, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Weapons Inspectors are still at work in Iraq while a group from the European Union is on a Humanitarian Fact Finding Mission. Upon seeing the poverty, a Danish Representative promised to do everything she could to stop the sanctions in Iraq. Secretary of State Colin Powell will present to the UN evidence that Iraq still has banned weapons.

POWELL UN

February 5, 9pm newscast (TRT 3:10)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke to the UN, building his case against Iraq. Urging the UN to take action against Saddam Hussein...because Iraq has failed to disarm while harboring terrorists and spinning a web of lies for inspectors. The reaction in the US was considerably positive.

IRAQ TODAY

February 8, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that new polls tonight show more and more Americans backing military action in Iraq, with one condition...The US must have the support of it's Allies. More than 100 thousand US Troops are already in position to strike with more on the way.

BIN LADEN/IRAQ

February 11, 10pm newscast (TRT 2:53)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that sound technicians believe the voice on a new audiotape is Osama Bin Laden. Again, he is threatening the United States, asking Muslims to support Iraq and for

Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks against Americans. Authorities fear it will touch off a wave of terrorist attacks around the world.

SD MARINES/KUWAIT

February 12, 9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Military build-up of US Troops continue to grow in Kuwait from both land and air. The latest are from the "15th Marine Expeditionary Unit"...based mainly at Camp Pendleton. They will be sent for more specialized training at bases already housing tens of thousands of American troops.

NORTH KOREA HEARING

February 13, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Secretary of State Colin Powell told congress North Korea is insisting on direct talks with the US over it's Nuclear Weapons Program. So far the White House has only called for condemnation of North Korea, and not Sanctions. US Intelligence Officials said North Korea has ballistic missiles capable of hitting California.

LA SECURITY MONEY

February 13, 2pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that one LA councilman says the price tag to keep LA safe from a terrorist attack may top 100 million dollars. A year ago the Bush Administration promised local governments 3 ½ billion dollars, but not one dime of that money has been appropriated yet.

WAR RESOLUTION

February 18, 4pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that LA City Council members voted on whether or not to support a unilateral war.

IRAQ LATEST

February 18, 10pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the Bush Administration and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are plotting their strategy, for what remains of the diplomatic fight at the United Nations. Then the U.S. and Britain must decide to risk another setback and try to push a second UN resolution authorizing the use of force against Saddam Hussein.

IRAQ TODAY**February 18, 2pm newscast (TRT 2:27)**

KCAL9 anchor Mark Coogan reported that the US and Britain are trying to figure out what to do next. Getting a new resolution that authorizes force in Iraq though the UN Security Council might be impossible. President Bush addressed the global public opinion problems in his speech to the nation.

CELEBS AGAINST WAR**February 19, 2pm newscast (TRT 2:05)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a group of Hollywood celebrities have formed a grass roots campaign to build political opposition to a war with Iraq.

ARMED PILOTS**February 20, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:16)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Congress voted to give Pilots the right to carry guns if they chose to. The Transportation security administration has recommended how the pilots should be trained.

IRAQ LATEST**February 21, 12pm newscast (TRT 3:11)**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the Bush Administration has concluded that Saddam Hussein will not voluntarily disarm no matter how much time he is given and war appears inevitable. They have also reported that Turkey is coming board to assist, placing enough fighting forces in place for an attack.

IRAQ/KUWAIT**February 25, 3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the showdown with Iraq continues. Saddam continues to insist its cooperation with the U-N while troops in Kuwait are waiting and training to see if the war of words turns into a war of weapons.

DAVIS/TERRORISM**February 25, 9pm newscast (TRT 1:42)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Governor Gray Davis is in Washington asking for Federal funds for State Security efforts against terrorism. Governor Davis says he spends 10% to 50% of his day on State Security depending on the risk level of terrorism.

CELEBS AGAINST WAR**February 25, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:26)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that many celebrities in Hollywood are joining forces to use their high visibility to get people involved in an Anti-war March on Washington. They are members of a group called "Artists united to win without War," waging a virtual protest – telling people to phone...fax...and email their representatives in Washington about their opposition.

THE OUTSIDERS

February 26, 12pm newscast (TRT 6:12)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that immigrants from certain Middle Eastern Countries will go before Southland Federal Judges and Plead their case. They face deportation under a new INS order, requiring "Special Registration" of men from those countries. Civil rights activists believe the order boils down to racial profiling.

ALERT DROPS

February 27, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:16)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the National Terror Threat level has dropped back to Yellow, signifying an "Elevated" Alert Status. Federal officials say while the alert level has been lowered, "There are still worrisome signs" and Law Enforcement Agencies should remain vigilant

EGYPT SUMMIT

February 27, 9pm newscast (TRT :53)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Arab diplomats are trying to forge a united stand on Iraq. Representatives from 22 nations have gathered in Egypt in preparation for this Arab League Summit. But they are not finding an aligned census. Some support Saddam Hussein, while others think war is Inevitable.

CONGRESS CLONING

February 27, 9pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Congress passed a bill banning Human Cloning. The House vote restricts all cloning, and will bring an end to research into a cure for Alzheimers and Parkinsons disease. The bill must still go to senate. President Bush is in favor of a complete ban of all human embryo cloning.

14TH DISTRICT

February 27, 9pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 political reporter Linda Breakstone reported that after Antonio Villaraisoa's defeat for LA Mayor, the former Assembly Speaker is

trying to get back into office. Taking aim at a local council seat in the 14th district.

IRAQ TONIGHT

February 28, 10pm newscast (TRT :58)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the World is watching to see if Saddam Hussein will destroy some prohibited Al-Samoud Missiles...banned under UN sanctions because they have too great a range. Saddam vows to do so, under protest. UN Weapons Inspectors are preparing to applaud Hussein's decision to destroy the missiles.

VIDA PROTEST

March 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that 100 people rallied outside the LA Sheriff's Department headquarters because they were upset that budget cuts have forced the suspension of the Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives Program. They say the program is essential for kids who would otherwise turn to gangs.

VILLARAIGOSA PARTY

March 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:42)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported on one of the most hotly contested races in the 14th district, which had Antonio Villaraigosa up against incumbent Nick Pacheco. Leyna's report from Villaraigosa camp let to team coverage with Glen Walker at Pacheco camp. Villaraigosa would unseat Pacheco.

ELECTION DAY

March 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:42)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported on the days election with nearly half the seats on the LA City Council and more than half the seats on the LA School board up for grabs. She runs down all the cities holding elections.

ELECTION RESULTS

March 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:04)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee runs down all the winners from the previous days elections. For full returns, Mia sends viewers to the KCAL9 website.

SCHOOL BOARD ELEX

March 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 political reporter Linda Breakstone reports on the big shake-up for the LAUSD School board in the week's election. The United

Teachers Union spent more than 2 million dollars to defeat candidates backed by for mayor Richard Riordan. Linda takes a look at what it means for the board and the children.

UNISURED WEEK

March 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that "Cover the Uninsured Week" brought business leaders, doctors, insurance executives and elected officials together to tackle the issue. Forty-one million Americans do not have health care coverage and the problem is especially acute in California.

CAR TAX HIKE

March 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :52)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the steep car registration fees stopped by governor Gray Davis might be ended. State finance officials have found a loophole that allows an automatic increase without legislation.

HOMELAND SECURITY

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :42)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that LA Mayor Jim Hahn met with his Homeland Security cabinet for the first time and every city department represented had many complaints. The federal government is blamed for not helping.

AMBER ALERT

March 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :22)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that lawmakers in Washington are pushing to make the Amber Alert a national system.

BRATTON/HOMELESS

March 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that LA police chief William Bratton is tackling the homeless problem here in Los Angeles. He visited Dome Village in downtown that is open year-round for the homeless and met with founder Ted Hayes.

PRESIDENT SPEECH

March 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:41)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that President Bush had given Saddam Hussein until five o'clock our time this day to leave Iraq or face the US military and its Allied forces. The strike on Baghdad came not too long after the deadline had passed.

WASHINGTON LATES**March 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:46)**

KCAL9 reporter Sean Callebs reported live that with the state of Iraqi leadership in question and the first US casualties, lawmakers on Capitol Hill are leaving no doubt they support the troops.

GOVERNOR BRIEFING**March 20, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT 3:11)**

KCAL9 political editor Linda Breakstone reports live that state and local law enforcement officials to put on a show of force assuring the public everything joined Governor Davis and the LA mayor is being done to keep safe.

SHERRY BEBITCH JEFFE**March 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:00)**

KCAL9 anchors Dave Clark and Sylvia Lopez interview political analyst Sherry Bebitch Jaffe on the new set about the politics of war.

WOMAN KILLED**Jan 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that Los Angeles was recently dubbed the murder capital. A pregnant woman was killed and a man was injured in a drive-by shooting in Watts in the first few days of the New Year. Police are treating this case as a double homicide because the woman's unborn child also died.

LUSTER MISSING**Jan 6, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :31)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Andrew Luster, the heir to the Max Factor fortune, disappeared from his Ventura County beach house this weekend. Luster was under house arrest, accused of drugging and raping three women with the date rape drug GHB.

KIDNAP PURSUIT**Jan 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that three kidnapping suspects led police on a high-speed pursuit through the streets of Garden Grove. The chase ended with two suspects in custody, but the third suspect jumped out of the car during the pursuit.

ANIMAL CREULTY**Jan 9, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that authorities seized more than 350 rabbits from Linda Latshaw's Mar Vista property. Latshaw was only allowed to have five rabbits as long as they were spayed or neutered. She now must perform 100 hours of community service.

FATAL STABBING**Jan 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :46)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that surveillance videotape caught a fatally stabbed homeless woman trying to get help. The woman left a trail of blood across a Glassell Park parking lot, street, and Chevron station before she died.

ABDUCTION ATTEMPTS**Jan 16, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :51)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that police are looking for a sexual predator who tried to kidnap two girls. In Altadena, he tried to grab a girl who was on her way into Edison Elementary School. In

Pasadena, the incident happened at a bus stop. Police released a sketch of the man and description of his car.

ORTEGA BODY FOLO

Jan 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :46)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an autopsy has given investigators new information about the woman whose decapitated body was found off an Orange County highway. Passers-by found the body with its head and hands cut off, dumped in a ravine, off a highway in the Cleveland National Forest.

BURGER KING SHOOTING

Jan 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :26)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported that a Rialto man opened fire in a fast food restaurant killing a 2-year-old boy. The suspect pointed a gun at police and officers shot and killed him. Police are trying to figure out why the man would want to kill the child.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY RAPE

Jan 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :18)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a man wearing a sky mask is robbing and raping couples at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. He approaches couples with a knife and gun to intimidate them.

SON/ARSON MURDER

Jan 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :17)

KCAL9 reporter Jamie Garza reported live from Downtown Los Angeles that Duane West was sentenced to life in prison for killing his four-year-old son. West has no chance of ever being freed.

INFANT IN DUMPSTER

Jan 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :18)

KCAL9 reporter Jamie Garza reported live from Westchester that the LAPD is looking for the person who left the body of a newborn girl in a dumpster. This situation could have been avoided had the person followed the new Safe Haven Law that allows parents to drop off children at a hospital.

CAR TO CAR SHOOTING

Jan 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that near the city of Industry a case of road rage resulted in a shot being fired near the 60 Freeway and 605 Interchange. The bullet grazed the man's leg, but he was not

seriously hurt. The victim said the shot was fired after the other man tried to cut him off and was not able to do it.

ABDUCTED TEEN LATEST

Jan 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live from Boyle Heights that 15-year-old Crystal Quevedo was kidnapped by a suspected drug dealer who opened fire as he fled her home. The search for Crystal is expanding outside California and possibly into Mexico.

INFANT DEATH

February 4, 10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a baby boy was found dead in a Santa Clarita trash can. KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez was live on the scene with the latest updates from L.A County Sheriff Deputy.

GRANDMOTHER KILLED

February 6, 10pm newscast (TRT 1:13)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that random gang violence killed a 57-year-old grandmother from South Central. The victim had just gotten out of her van when a stranger walked up and shot upon some gang members standing nearby. Police ask others who know the killer to come forward.

IMMIGRANT ARREST

February 7, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reported that a Santa Monica businessman arrested for being a spy for North Korea was back in court today. The South Korean man had been living in the US for about 20 years. The court is being asked to consider he should be released on bail.

SEX OFFENDER

February 10, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:08)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a convicted sex offender has been thrown out of the West Covina home he shared with his mother. The convict's parent's home is within the restricted zone of the victim.

HEADLESS BODY

February 14, 3pm newscast (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the two brothers accused in the "Soprano" style murder of their mother faced a judge in a Santa Ana Courtroom. Both brothers still claim to be not guilty.

GRAFFITI CRACKDOWN**February 17-18, 10pm newscast (TRT 10:33)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported in a 2-part story that LA Police Chief Bratton has launched an aggressive citywide effort to clean up the streets. Pat goes undercover with the LAPD to bust taggers and see how much damage they cause. Part 2 Pat talks with Artists who see the City as their canvas.

KOKLICH OPENING**February 18, 3pm newscast (TRT 1:31)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the trial began for accused Murder Bruce Koklich. Opening statements were made and the first witness has taken the stand. He was accused of killing his wife, even though her body hasn't been found.

CREDIT CARD THEFT**February 18, 9pm newscast (TRT 1:12)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that 13 suspects face criminal charges in a credit card skimming ring preying on restaurant patrons. Employees of P-F Chang's Bistro in Woodland Hills and two other San Fernando Valley Restaurants are among the suspects.

LUSTER SENTENCING**February 18, 10pm newscast (TRT :55)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that convicted rapist and fugitive heir to the Max Factor fortune were sentenced by a Ventura County Judge. Andrew Luster's lawyer tried to postpone the sentencing until he was present, but the judge ruled against it.

MOTASSEDEQ GUILTY**February 18, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:23)**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the first man charged for the September 11th terrorist attack has been convicted in Germany. Prosecutors say he knew about the September 11th attacks and provided logistical backup for the Al-Qaeda Cell based in Hamburg.

MISSING WOMAN**February 19, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that an intense search is underway in Santa Monica for 21-year-old Kristine Johnson. Police have talked to her friends and family who are worried Johnson may be the victim of foul play.

POT BUST**February 19, 3pm newscast (TRT 1:19)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that police in Gardena seized hundreds of Marijuana plants estimated at more than 4-million dollars. Police are questioning suspects, but no arrests have been made.

CIA AGENT INTERVIEW**February 20, 9pm newscast (TRT 2:36)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a former CIA Spy predicted the September 11th attacks before it happened. KCAL9 has the exclusive interview with the former spy in Costa Mesa.

SEARCH FOR KRISTI**February 22, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:42)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that missing woman Kristi Johnson's friends are doing what they can to find Kristi. Paul Vercammen is live in Santa Monica with the update. Kristi Johnson disappeared one week ago.

CENTURY CITY/MISSING WOMAN**February 25, 9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the car of missing woman Santa Monica woman, Kristi Johnson, has been found in Century City. Police think she may have been lured into a trap by a man posing as a photographer.

HOME ALONE MOM**February 27, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:11)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Janet Chen pleaded not guilty to four child endangerment charges. The Placentia woman is accused of leaving her two children home alone for days while she went to China last spring and summer.

MCCULLOUGH**February 27, 8pm newscast (TRT 2:26)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a woman accused of brutalizing her grandson was ordered to stand trial. KCAL9 reporter Michele Gile was in court as investigators and prosecutors say she severely beat her 3-year-old grandson, breaking his bones and tying him to his bed.

CHILD ABDUCTED**February 27, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported breaking news of Police searching for a missing Los Angeles boy. Investigators say the suspect is a man named Michael Jerome Marks. The missing boy is 5-year-old Michael Lewis Usher.

MASSAGE PARLORS

February 28, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that after a yearlong investigation, the LAPD Vice Detectives have closed 5 chiropractic and massage therapy clinics. They allegedly were used as fronts for prostitution. The clinics were located in the San Fernando Valley.

MISSING WOMAN

February 28, 10pm newscast (TRT 1:16)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Santa Monica police are closer to solving the disappearance of Kristi Johnson. They have the name of the suspect, but Kristi's location is still unknown.

GIRL REMAINS IDENTIFIED

February 28, 10pm newscast (TRT :42)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that DNA confirms the identity of the remains of a missing Southland girl. 6-year-old Jackeline Savedra disappeared a year and a half ago. Cal-Trans workers found a plastic bag with the child's body along 1-5 in Santa Fe Springs.

REDONDO SUSPECT

February 28, 10pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that police continue to look for a man who tried to grab a little girl while she played in front of her home in Redondo Beach. Police say the man was driving a white van in the 2600 block of Gates Avenue, he got out across the street and grabbed the girl.

COMPTON ARRESTS

March 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that former Compton mayor Omar Bradley and three Compton city council members have been arrested for alleged felony embezzlement. A fifth person was also arrested.

TAXI CAB KILLING

March 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that authorities are asking the public for information on a deadly attack on board a taxicab in Whittier.

MUSLIM BEATING

March 4, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :59)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the FBI is stepping into investigate an alleged hate crime in which a young Orange County Muslim was severely beaten.

HOT PROWL RAPIST

March 5, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from a press conference where detectives said they were looking for a hot prowl rapist in South LA.

COMPUTERS STOLEN

March 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :53)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that thieves stole more than 10,000 dollars worth of used computers that were waiting to be donated to schools and needy families. The heist happened at "computers for schools" Foundation in San Bernardino.

SENIOR DWP SCHEME

March 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :51)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported police are warning the elderly that elderly people in North Hollywood were conned by crooks posing as utility workers. They knock on doors and while one distracts them the other enters the house and robs them.

ASHCROFT DNA

March 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported the Bush administration wanted to make a massive investment in DNA testing. Atty. General John Ashcroft joined by John Walsh said a main goal is to clear a backlog of some 350,000 DNA samples from crime scenes in an effort to put more criminals behind bars.

HOLLYWOOD HILLS SHOOTING

March 11, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Michael Brownlee reported live on a double shooting in the Hollywood Hills that has neighbors there on edge. A gunman opened fire on a man and a woman killing her.

CHEN SENTENCING**March 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that an Orange County mother who left her kids alone for weeks would spend one year in jail. Janet Chen was convicted on eight felony counts of child endangerment after leaving her seven and four year old children alone while she traveled to China, England and North Carolina.

METH BUST**March 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported agents raided 3 locations and arrested four in a big meth lab bust. The locations were Downey, and South Gate.

CHILD PORN**March 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:17)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Anaheim on a former Anaheim School teacher facing child pornography charges. He's accused of taking pictures up the shorts of several unsuspecting boys, most of them his students.

SMART CHARGES**March 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:07)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported details about the abuse of Elizabeth Smart who suffered during her 9-month kidnapping. Her kidnapper is being called not only a religious zealot, but also a sex predator.

FBI WARING**March 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL reporter Sandra Mitchell reported live that the FBI is concerned that a terrorist is loose in the US and has the ability of carrying out an attack on the scale of 911. She reports on the worldwide search with pictures and the details.

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**Jan 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:34)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the FDA has approved a new drug called Humira for reducing the signs and symptoms and slowing the progression of joint destruction in adults with moderate to severe Rheumatoid Arthritis. Humira works by blocking TNF-Alpha, a protein that contributes to the inflammation and breakdown of joints caused by Rheumatoid Arthritis.

ESTROGEN WARNING**Jan 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the FDA wants to put warning labels on drugs containing estrogen and progesterone. These drugs might slightly increase the risk of heart attacks, strokes, blood clots, and breast cancer.

PACEMAKER BREAKTHROUGH**Jan 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the FDA has approved a new pace maker called the Protos. It is revolutionary because until now pacemakers only responded when a patient was in motion or there was a change in breathing.

SAN ONOFRE**Jan 13, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that state health officials will more than triple the supply of potassium iodide pills around California's nuclear power plants. The pills may reduce the effects of radiation poisoning after accidental radiation release or in the event of a terrorist attack.

DANGEROUS FAT**Jan 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that too much fat around the belly could lead to heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

STROKE RISKS**Jan 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that new research shows that young adults with Type I Diabetes have an increased risk of stroke. An even newer community based study shows that the death

rate from stroke is higher among those with both Type I and Type II Diabetes.

CANCER VACCINE

Jan 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :26)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that doctors are one step closer to developing a personalized vaccine for certain types of cancer. They are trying to use part of the cancer itself to create a personalized vaccine for each patient.

KIDS AND DIABETES

Jan 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that diabetes among children has become so common that school systems around the country are banning soda from schools effective next school year. The goal is to reduce childhood obesity, which often leads to Type II diabetes.

FLESH EATING DISEASE

Jan 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :17)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that a case of the potentially deadly flesh-eating bacteria has been reported in Los Angeles. After several surgeries, the patient was released from the hospital.

SLEEP/HEART DISEASE

Jan 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reported that in a new report doctors studied more than 72,000 nurses and found that women who averaged five hours or less of sleep a night were 39 percent more likely to develop heart disease than those who got eight hours of sleep. On the other end of the spectrum, women who had nine or more hours of sleep have a 37 percent higher risk of heart disease.

BREAST RECONSTRUCTION

Jan 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that plastic surgeon Dr. Michael Miller developed an interactive CD Rom program that uses three-dimensional animation to illustrate how the breast tissue is moved during reconstruction.

KILLER COMPUTERS

Jan 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :36)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that there is a risk of developing life threatening blood clots from sitting at the computer for

too long. The disorder is called E-Thrombosis. Doctors suggest taking regular breaks away from the computer during the course of the day.

LACTOSE INTOLERANT

February 4, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that more people are "playing doctor" when it comes to certain health problems. A new survey finds that people are diagnosing themselves with Lactose Intolerance, but it could have serious consequences.

HEALTH WHIP

February 6, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported on a diet, which includes some of the foods you love. This new diet allows you to be a "chocoholic" and still drop pounds.

POM JUICE

February 10, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new juice drink called "Pom Wonderful." Pomegranate juice is supposed to be one of the healthiest things you can drink...more than grape juice or even green tea.

SOLDIER STRESS

February 13, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that Commanding Officers are now being steeped in the importance of stress management, family support and discussing feelings. It is all part of a push to change the military marginalizing feelings of their officers.

MEDICAL MENOPAUS

February 14, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that there is new hope for Breast Cancer survivors in need of Hormone Replacement Therapy. A new drug called Neurontin is undergoing trials. While Hormones are very effective, the risks still weigh heavily on women's minds.

OPERATION POOCH

February 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:58)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new study offers more evidence that petting a dog has therapeutic benefits, especially for patients in hospitals. Sandra Mitchell volunteer with "Top Dogs" of "Operation Pooch"...a pet therapy program offered at Cedars Sinai Medical Center.

NO SMOKING PLANET**February 20, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the World Health Organization is working to on an unprecedented international health treaty. To make the planet a no-smoking zone. The W-H-O Assembly will vote on this plan in May in Geneva.

TRANSPLANT ERROR**February 20, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:33)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that it was a medical mistake that shocked the nation when a teenager was given a heart and lungs that didn't match her blood type. She received a second set of new transplants and another chance.

HEART STRESS TEST**February 22, 12pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new study found that doctors should pay more attention to heart patients right after they take a stress test on a treadmill. The study showed that 11% of patients who had irregular heartbeats right after the stress test ended, died within 5 years.

TRANSPLANT DEATH**February 22, 4pm newscast (TRT 1:33)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the teenager who underwent two transplants in two weeks might have been taken on of life support without her family's permission. The girl died this afternoon. It is likely Duke University will face a possible lawsuit.

HEALTH WHIP**February 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new technology aiming to make it possible to choose the gender of a baby before conception.

HOSPITAL DEATHS**February 26, 2pm newscast (TRT 1:06)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new version of the Diabetes Hemoglobin test that gives doctors the answers in less than 10 minutes. This new test could be vital to preventing the most serious side effects of diabetes.

ANKLE INJURIES**February 26, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:51)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons warn that baby boomers could be vulnerable to chronic ankle problems caused by old sprains and other injuries that never healed properly. To prevent this, athletes should be sure to seek proper treatment and rehab after injuries.

DEEP VEIN**February 26, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:03)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that The Centers for Disease control have launched an education campaign to make sure everyone knows the symptoms of Deep Vein Thrombosis. Doctors claim DVT kills as many as 200 thousand lives a year. But most American's have never heard of it and it is often misdiagnosed.

TEEN BIRTHS DOWN**February 27, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:11)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that nearly one million teenager girls still get pregnant ever year. However, researchers at the State University of New York looked at the numbers between the 1990 and the year 2000 and found that births to black teens dropped 14% in cities and 11% in the suburbs. They attribute the decrease to abstinence, a strong economy in the 90s and fears of disease.

BODY FAT SCALE**February 28, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:32)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that new scales that not only measures weight, but also body fat. Dilva compared the results with the BOD POD measurements, thought to be the gold standard of measuring body fat. The new scales did loosely measure body fat, but not as accurate as the BOD POD.

EPHEDRA ACTION**February 28, 12pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that although the Federal Law limits the FDA's power to regulate dietary supplements, the recent deaths of several professional and college athletes have intensified the spotlight on this supplement. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan are set to make a decision on Ephedra.

PREMATURE BABIES**March 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:06)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that because of the increase in premature births nationwide, March of the month March of Dimes is launching a campaign to educate the public about premature births. About half a million babies born in the US every year are preemies and many of them face serious medical problems or disabilities. Doctors say some expectant mothers ignore signs that could signal premature labor.

COLORECTAL CANCER**March 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:20)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States killing nearly 60,000 Americans each year. March is colorectal cancer awareness month. She looks at advancements in treatment.

POISON PREVENTION**March 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :49)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported a special reminder to parents to keep household medicines and chemicals locked away from children. Safety experts also urged parents to use products with child resistant packaging.

ALPLATZER HEART**March 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported there is now a non-surgical alternative to open heart surgery. It fills the holes in your heart without you having to go under the knife. The holes are called ASD's.

WEST NILE RETURN**March 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :53)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the West Nile Virus may reach California by summer and health officials expect it to infect more Americans than ever. The virus is spread by mosquitoes.

LOW DOSE HORMONES**March 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that many women face the choice of dealing with the symptoms of menopause or taking hormones for relief. Clinical studies have shown a lower dose of hormone therapy is being welcomed by women and their doctors.

SCAR THERAPY**March 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:03)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that every year 60 million Americans would develop a scar as a result of an injury or surgery. A new kind of bandage offers hope for improving the appearance of old or new scars.

HURRIED WOMEN SYMDROME**March 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :50)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reports on the Hurried Women Syndrome, what it is and what the risks are.

DEADLY PNEUMONIA**March 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :42)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that local health officials were looking at a man who had come down with a potentially fatal respiratory infection. Incoming passengers at LAX were receiving warning cards about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS.

GULF WAR SYNDROME**March 21, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)**

KCAL9 reporter Christine Miles reports that US ground troops were staring their push into Iraq and some veterans here in the US worried that the protective gear those soldiers were assigned will not be effective.

CHEMICAL/BIOTERRORISM**March 24, 2-1pm newscast (TRT 2:26)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported there is a vaccine for smallpox and antibiotics for anthrax, but there are other chemical and biological agents that, when used as weapons are much more difficult to treat and some can kill within minutes.

SIDEWALK DEATH PROTEST**Jan 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :44)**

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that the County Board of Supervisors is under fire because of the amount of homeless deaths recently. Homeless rights activities are demanding the board of supervisors take a serious look at Los Angeles's homeless situation and treat it as they would any other county emergency.

EL SEGUNDO TREES**Jan 2, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that about 100 Ficus trees along El Segundo's Main Street will be chopped down. The city wants the trees removed after numerous lawsuits were issued from people who have tripped on the sidewalk because the trees' roots have caused cracks in the walkways. Some residents say they will chain themselves to the trees in protest.

RACIAL PROFILING**Jan 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :29)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the LAPD released its report on racial profiling. The numbers seem to indicate that blacks and Hispanics are more likely to be searched after a traffic stop than white people. Mayor Hahn and Chief Bratton say the data still needs analyzing.

KNOW AIDS HIV**Jan 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 5:50)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a new health initiative called "Know HIV/AIDS" is trying to raise AIDS awareness and increase education to stop this disease. Pat Harvey traveled to Africa where fourteen thousand men, women, and children are diagnosed with HIV everyday. Seventeen million Africans have died since the AIDS epidemic began.

RACIAL PROFILING**Jan 8, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :44)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the police commission says that 92 percent of alarm calls are false and they waste too much police time and money responding to these calls. The commissioners unanimously voted that officers will not respond to alarms unless the emergency can be verified by a property owner or a private security

company. Councilwoman Janice Hahn filed a motion that, if approved, would send the matter to a council committee for further study.

PEACE POLE

Jan 8, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :34)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that United Methodist Bishops planted a peace pole at the Islamic Center in Downtown Los Angeles. The 7-foot-tall peace pole is handcrafted and on it the words, "May peace prevail on earth" are printed in Hebrew, Arabic, and English.

LATINO HEALTHCARE

Jan 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:02)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a statewide group of organizations is trying to break down immigrant fears about seeking health care, nutrition, and other benefits. The Health Consumer Alliance produced a video to try and help clear up the misunderstandings about immigration law. In 1999 the Immigration and Naturalization service put out a bulletin saying that applying for benefits does not affect immigrant status.

INS IMMIGRANTS

Jan 10, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the deadline for immigrants of 13 countries to register with the INS has approached. Thousands of males from countries considered a terrorist risk registered today. The process is aimed at trying to prevent terrorism. Protestors call in racial profiling that targets and humiliates Arabs.

CONJOINED TWINS

Jan 13, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Westwood that the two Guatemalan sisters conjoined at birth are finally headed home. An international team of doctors separated them five months ago.

ANTI-WAR DEMO

Jan 16, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that 16 people are under arrest for blocking a sidewalk during an anti-war demonstration in front of the downtown Federal Building. Those arrested ignored police orders to clear the sidewalk. In all about 50 people showed up for the protest.

MLK DAY SIDEBAR**Jan 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Nikki Jackson reported that thousands of people took part in a parade honoring the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Junior. The parade was on Martin Luther King Boulevard in the Crenshaw District. Governor Gray Davis and Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn were in attendance.

CAR BREAKINS**Jan 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported that the town of Cypress is dealing with a lot of car break-ins lately. People in Southern California who park their car anywhere run the risk of having it stolen or broken into.

ROAD RAGE**Jan 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported that road rage is on the rise in Southern California and a new report is out about the safety of our freeways and streets. Every time a person gets behind the wheel, they run the risk of becoming a victim of road rage. However, there are measures people can take to help prevent violence.

NEW FOOD PYRAMID**Jan 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that Harvard Medical School Professor Walter Willett says the food pyramid poster needs overhauling. The old pyramid recommends eating six to eleven servings of carbohydrates a day and he suggests eating two to three servings. Doctor Willett also says oils have gotten a bad rap and people should be more careful of eating too much red meat.

SMALLPOX VACCINE**Jan 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:28)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported live in Hollywood that phase one of a three-phase national smallpox vaccination has begun. Health workers are the first group of people to get the vaccine. In Southern California the vaccinations are being given at the Hollywood-Wilshire Public Health Clinic.

JPL REACTION**February 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:33)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that many people in Southern California had close ties to the shuttle program. Including those at the

jet propulsion lab in Pasadena as they try to make sense of the tragedy.

A HOMEGROWN TRAGEDY

February 3, 10pm newscast (TRT 3:34)

KCAL9 reporter Jerry Dunphy, a World War 2 veteran, reported on a story in May of 2002, right before his death. He was invited for a rare personal tour to see how the Boeing Facility in Palmdale was modernizing the space shuttle Columbia. The story was run in its entirety. Taking a trip back to Columbia before the tragedy.

THE ASTRONAUTS

February 3, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported that Members of the US Senate honored the fallen astronauts. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist called each on a pioneer, who created a path to the future we continue to celebrate.

AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

February 4, 10m newscast (TRT 4:43)

KCAL9 reporter Kerry Kilbride reports that millions still yearn to explore space. But the loss of the Columbia, could be a major blow to the future of space tourism.

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

February 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter David Lopez reported that the seven fallen Columbia Astronauts were remembered during a memorial service at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove. Reverend Robert Schuller offered words of comfort.

ISLANDS IN THE DREAM

February 4, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 3:23)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported about a group working to preserve African American history right here in California. The Authors Study Club in Los Angeles was the first organization to observe, what was then Black History Month. They also helped found the AME Church of Los Angeles, and gave blacks a chance to purchase homes.

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DOGGIE BOX

February 5, 10pm newscast (TRT 3:53)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported on what can happen if dog owners improperly use crates in training. Trainers and dog owners on both sides voiced their opinions the issue.

TERRORIST TRAINING

February 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:45)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that LA County Police, who patrol country property, conducted a terrorist readiness exercise at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. The drill tested their ability to respond to a biological or chemical weapons attack.

COLUMBIA MEMORIAL

February 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Antelope Valley residents held their own service to honor the crew of the Columbia. Some of the mourners had actually worked on the spacecraft, others knew the astronauts.

OSCARS GO ON

February 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 entertainment reporter David Sheehan reported that despite talk of a looming US war with Iraq, officials at the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences announced the 75th Academy Awards will go on. Security around the Kodak Theater will be tighter than ever.

TERROR SUPPLIES

February 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Government warnings had many Southern California's taking action. People are making sure they have the right supplies on hand. Reporter Jay Jacks had more on how to stock up.

PLANE DOWN

February 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a pilot and her passenger went down on a steep hillside North of Simi Valley. The dramatic crash and the frantic 911 call lead to a dramatic rescue. Both are being treated for broken bones and other injuries.

RIDGE/SECURITY**February 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge unveiled the Bush Administrations "Ready Campaign." The Campaign advises families on what they can do to protect their loved ones from terrorism.

AQUEDUCT RESCUE**February 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:33)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that four people died in an accident near Palmdale where a pickup truck ran off the highway into an aqueduct. Three of them were children under the age of ten. One child survived the crash and is at Children's hospital. Team coverage is covering the cause of the crash as well as the condition of the surviving child.

HR FAMINE**February 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that dozens of members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization are fasting...all part of a worldwide effort to fight hunger. The 30 Hour Famine is a fund raiser that's also designed to teach teens the real meaning of hunger.

LAPD BLACK RECRUIT**February 22, 4pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the Los Angeles Police Department is trying to attract more minority officers by hosting a recruitment expo at the Crenshaw Christian Center. The event is nicknamed "Test and Fest" because would-be officers can take the departments written exam on the spot.

BLACK HISTORY**February 22, 4pm newscast (TRT :52)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that KCAL news anchors Pat Harvey and reporter Jay Jackson were at the LA Zoo celebrating the traditions of Africa and African Americans. Visitors could take self guided tours of a special exhibit highlighting plants, food and music from Africa.

BLACK HISTORY PARADE**February 23, 4pm newscast (TRT 1:32)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that this is the 20th year of the Black History Month Parade, celebrating African American History. It featured variety acts, classic cars and marching bands.

OLD GLORY**February 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on an update on the battle over the old oak tree in Stevenson Ranch. LA County says the tree must be moved. Crews are digging an 8 ft deep trench around the roots of the tree but protestors say the crews are damaging the roots and that the tree will die if moved.

CELL PHONE BAN**February 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:05)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that some restaurants in Los Angeles are asking patrons to take their cell phone conversations outside. San Francisco is even considering passing a new law making it a crime to bother others with cell-chat in restaurants.

E.V Hill OBIT**February 26, 4pm newscast (TRT :33)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that 62 year old E.V. Hill, a pastor and civil rights leader, died at Cedars Sinai. Time Magazine called him "one of the most outstanding preachers" in the United States.

PRO & ANTI WAR RALLY**March 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Graze reported that in Brea one intersection saw two different sides of the Iraqi conflict with only a streetlight separating the two groups.

LA MARATHON**March 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :33)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported 25 thousand racers competed in the LA City Marathon. The wheelchair winner was Mexico's Saul Mendoza for the sixth time. Mark Latish of Kenya won the men's race and Russia's Tatiana Pozdnyakaova won the women's.

SOLDIER KID'S HEART**March 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:32)**

KCAL9 reporter Craig Fiegenger reported that one of the more difficult and more touching good byes was that of a Southland marine corps officer whose baby daughter was awaiting a heart transplant at Loma Linda Medical Center.

ILLEGAL STREET RACING**March 6, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a group of residents have managed to stop illegal street racing that is not only illegal but can be deadly. They are working with a "neighborhood prosecutor" a program in the city attorney's office that helps attack quality of life crimes.

YORBA LINDA ATTACK

March 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 reporter Glenn Walker reported live that police in Orange County are on alert for a man who attempted to abduct a boy and a girl on a street in Yorba Linda.

CYBERDATING

March 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live on a warning for young people. While many people believe the Internet is a good way to meet potential dating partners, meeting people online can pose real dangers for young people.

RED CROSS PRESIDENT

March 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that disaster preparedness is at the heart of the American Red Cross mission. Josh sat down with the CEO and President of the Red Cross to find out just what people should be prepared for and how the Red Cross can help.

TERRORISM DRILL

March 12, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :24)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that emergency crews in Los Angeles tested their skills to see how well they would respond to a dirty bomb attack.

SMART FOUND

March 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:08)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell begins our team coverage and reports that miracles do exist after the missing teen Elizabeth Smart is found alive and she is reunited with her parents.

CLERGY ABUSE LEAFLETS

March 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor JAIME Graze reported that victims of alleged sexual abuse by Catholic priests were reaching out to Latinos in Los Angeles. Members of "SNAP" a victims support group say it's important that Latino victims know what their legal rights are and that there is counseling and therapy available.

HEAD SHAVING FOR CANCER**March 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :34)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that hundreds of people here in Los Angeles and around the world were celebrating Saint Patrick's Day in an unusual way. They were shaving their heads and raising money for childhood cancer research.

TANGIBLE PREPARATIONS**March 18, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :1:46)**

KCAL9 reporter Glenn Walker reported that living in earthquake country we all know about the need to have supplies on hand in case the big one hits. But in time of war there are other things to do to prepare. Glen shows us some tips on how we can use the internet to put an emergency plan together.

LAX SECURITY**March 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson begins team coverage reporting live from LAX on precautions and the security beef up at LAX where officials have set up random traffic checkpoints.

ANTI WAR PROTEST**March 19, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:23)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee and helicopter reporter Larry Welk report on anti-war protestors on the streets of Westwood near the federal building. Police officers used batons to help keep the unruly protesters in line. There were approximately 300-500 people at the rally.

HATE DISCRIMINATION**March 19, 10-11 newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that with war unfolding, officials are concerned about possible hate crimes here at home. In LA city and religious leaders stood united at the museum tolerance to urge people not to strike out against ethnic or religious groups.

IRAQI AMERICANS**March 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:26)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that a number of Iraqi Americans gathered several times in a mosque in Pomona. For these people the war in Iraq has forced several important issues into the spotlight.

HOMELAND SECURITY**March 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:30)**

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that the Southland is on alert because of the war in Iraq and security was being beefed up to protect against a terrorist threat or emergency. Glen is live from the Kodak theatre in Hollywood for more on security measures.

OSCARS WAR**March 20, 10-11 newscast (TRT 2:05)**

KCAL9 entertainment reporter David Sheehan reported the producers of the Academy Awards had been struggling with the contingencies and options and possibilities but decided the show must go on and the Oscars would not be interrupted.

CAMP PENDELTON**March 21, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT 2:27)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reported operation Iraqi Freedom's successful battlefield launch had been tempered by the loss of 14 American and British servicemen. Six of those killed were marines and three were based in Camp Pendelton in Southern California.

DISASTER PREPS**March 22, 10-11 newscast (TRT 2:16)**

KCAL9 reporter Michael Brownlee reported that before the Sept. 11th attacks, disaster preparation meant earthquakes. Now the threat of terrorism means people need more than water and batteries.

PORT SECURITY**March 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**

KCAL9 reporter Paul Vercammen went on a tour with Mayor Jim Hahn at the Port of Los Angeles to make sure our coastline is protected.

LAX/NATIONAL GUARD**March 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:22)**

KCAL9 reporter Michael Brownlee reported that after 911 large numbers of National Guard soldiers were called up to help protect us. Now the mayor wants them back on duty at LAX.

STROMBOLI VOLCANO**Jan 2, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a volcano erupted on the Italian island Stromboli spewing ash and causing violent explosions. The explosion caused a landslide, which triggered a massive ocean wave that hit a small coastal village damaging homes and killing three people.

HEAT WAVE**Jan 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :32)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that heat wave has hit Southern California in January. Newport Beach has been in the 70's since New Years Day. The ocean has been in the high 50's.

HOLLISTER QUAKE**Jan 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a 4.3 quake centered three miles South of Hollister rocked that area. The quake struck along the Paicines fault at a depth of about 5.3 miles.

BEACHED WHALES**Jan 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :23)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that 160 whales beached themselves just off the New Zealand southern coast. 80 of the whales died and rescuers are working to save the rest.

DEAD PELICANS**Jan 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :41)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the California Brown Pelican, an endangered species, is being intentionally shot or harmed in the Cabrillo Beach area. Only about 5,000 breeding pairs of the brown pelicans exist in California.

NATIONAL PARKS**Jan 14, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :44)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that National Parks Conservation Association released its list of American's ten most endangered national parks. The group says many of the national parks are overrun with visitors. The group also claims that President Bush's environmental policies add to the threat against national parks.

NEW PANDAS**Jan 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Gow-gow, a giant panda from China, would have a new home at the San Diego Zoo. Gow-gow will replace Shi-shi who returned to China because she was on loan from the Chinese research center. The loan of the pandas costs the zoo about a million dollars a year.

INLAND EMPIRE FIRE DANGER**Jan 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :34)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that firefighters in the San Bernardino area are on heightened alert because strong Santa Ana winds could transform a small spark into a large fire. The mountains in the area are covered with thick vegetation, which could easily become fuel for a fire.

MAIN QUAKE**Jan 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that a magnitude 7.8 earthquake centered near Colima, Mexico has killed 25 people and rescuers expect the number of deaths to rise as they dig through the rubble. Colima is home to more than 200,000 people who are without electricity and phone service.

AVALANCHE UPDATE**Jan 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that seven backcountry skiers died in an avalanche near the Durrand Glacier in British Columbia. A 50-year-old Los Angeles man was among those who were killed. Twenty-four people survived the avalanche because they carried tracking beacons.

EL NINO**Jan 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :19)**

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that El Nino was supposed to bring a lot of rain to California, but it has been downgraded which means that the fire danger has been upgraded.

CONTAMINATED WATER**Jan 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :14)**

KCAL9 reporter Michael Brownlee reported that an environmental group states that billions of gallons of our drinking water are

contaminated with rocket fuel and other contaminants. Southern California's water supply is already low.

SHUTTLE MAIN BAR

February 1, 9pm newscast (TRT 3:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that investigators are trying to figure out what went wrong with the Columbia. Their initial focus is on the accident, which appeared when the shuttle lifted off. A piece of insulating foam hit the shuttle's left wing and perhaps damaged the thermal tiles that protect the craft from the intense heat during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

BROKEN WATER PIPE

February 3, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:13)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a broken water pipe caused mudslides in the Hollywood Hills. The cascading water caused part of the hillside to give way and forced the evacuation of several homes. Fire crews were able to divert the water and save the homes.

QUAKE EARLY WARNING

February 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Seismologists admit they are still years away from developing an early warning against earthquakes. They blame the lack of government funding and too much second-guessing. Some fear the warning would cause people to panic even if the quake never caused any significant damage.

QUARTZ Hill FLOODING

February 13, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported on the sudden downpours hitting Los Angeles. KCAL Henry Di Carlo forecasting more to come. One downpour caused flooding in the streets of Quartz Hill.

WEATHER CLEAN UP

February 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the damage left behind after the rainfall. A tree fell on to the roof of one Glendale homeowner caused by the rain soaked ground.

IE FLOODING

February 14, 9-10newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on the condition of San Dimas Canyon after the rainstorms. The fires from last September allowed major erosion and runoff. The mud and rockslides have taken out

70% of the Canyon Road. It is a major setback on their road to recovery.

MEXICO VOLCANO

February 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a Volcano southeast of Mexico City came to life. The explosion sent glowing fragments of rock as far as two miles away. The eruption hit before dawn and caused the ground to shake and rattle homes in nearby villages.

CLAREMONT FLOODING

February 14, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported that flash floods in Claremont triggered a wall of mud and debris to come down. Leaving dozens of homes literally stuck in the mud.

DOLLY DEAD

February 14, 9pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Sylvia Lopez reported that the first cloned sheep Dolly was euthanized after problems with progressive lung disease and premature aging. It is not known if her premature death had anything to do with being a clone.

LAX DELAYS

February 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Blizzard hitting the East Coast is causing troubles for LAX travelers. A number of airports re-opened on the East Coast, but the backlog is still causing major delays.

BIG BEAR SNOW

February 20, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 3:35)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported businesses in Big Bear are hoping the tourists are the next to come this weekend. Team coverage from KCAL9 Inland Empire reporters Craig Fiegner and Michael Brownlee reports the problems facing the southland.

CAL TECH EXPLAINS

February 22, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the earthquake felt was not an aftershock. Scientists say it was new seismic activity. Experts deliver answers on being ready for the "big one."

QUAKE PREPS

February 22, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that on ways residence of Southern California should prepare for a major earthquake. Including a list to include in a personal earthquake kit.

AFTERSHOCKS

February 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that aftershocks continue in Big Bear. There have been several aftershocks following the 5.4 earthquake. The quake caused no injuries or serious damage. Seismologists believe Saturday's quake most likely occurred on the Helendale Fault.

BIG BEAR TONIGHT

February 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :55)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a fresh coat of snow fell on Big Bear. More than a foot of snow fell. Local schools closed and students were ecstatic.

CHINA QUAKE

February 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that 266 people are confirmed dead in China due to a devastating earthquake. Thousands were hurt when the 6.3 quake hit, leveling nearly 9000 homes and buildings. Chinese Government officials rushed more than 6000 tents, as well as food and medial supplies to the area to help survivors.

BIG BEAR SNOW

February 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :59)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported on the storm the dumped several inches in Big Bear. Residences are optimistic with the increase of tourism in the area.

SAN DIMAS CANYON

March 7, 2p-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Michael Brownlee is live in San Dimas where a wild fire burned through the area, then heavy rains washed out roads and took down power lines. Now the Forest Service is telling residents to move out and some say they have nowhere to go.

WIND POWER SURGE

March 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :47)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that wind could be the answer to energy shortages. Giant windmills are getting another look because

they are bigger, more efficient and fast becoming an alternative energy supply to businesses.

SANDSTORM

March 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 weathercaster Byron Miranda reports that the thing posing one of the biggest threats to our troops in Kuwait is Mother Nature in the form of sand storms.

29 PALMS QUAKE

March 11, 4-4:30pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported an earthquake rattle 29 Palms today. The 4.4 quake hit at 11:31 am and an after shock rolled through minutes later and measured 3.2. The epicenter was 17 miles north, northwest of 29 palms and there were no reports of injuries or any significant damage.

AK OIL DRILLING

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :31)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported today that drilling for oil in the northeastern corner of Alaska is at the heart of the president's energy agenda. Soaring energy prices and the uncertainty of future oil supplies from the Persian Gulf could help push the measure through congress. Environmentalists and many leading democrats say the drilling will destroy the area as a wildlife sanctuary.

HYDROGEN POWER PLANT

March 7, 2p-3pm newscast (TRT :47)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported the Department of Water and Power unveiled a new hydrogen fuel cell power plant that will now be able to power hundreds of homes with almost no pollution.

ELECTRIC CARS

March 14, 8p-9p newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Craig Fiegenger reported there is one answer to the rising cost of gas while cutting down on pollution. While some electric cars may drive slowly, they are gaining momentum.

TREE SITTERS

March 18, 12p-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that in the past week, Pacific Lumber Company was granted a court order to begin removing about a dozen protestors from its property in Humboldt County. The company

began sending climbers hundreds of feet in the air to remove the tree sitters.

GA TORNADO**March 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :32)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that people in Georgia were recovering from two deadly tornadoes. Six people died when twisters swept through southwestern Georgia and more than 200 people have been injured. At least 75 homes were destroyed.

DOLPHIN/MINESWEEPERS**March 24, 2p-3pm newscast (TRT 1:27)**

KCAL9 reporter Manuel Gallegus reported dolphins are vital to the mine detection in Operation Iraqi Freedom. They are very special members of the U.S. Navy's clearance team.

EDUCATION / YOUTH

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VALLEY SCHOOL

Jan 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :33)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that three-dozen students got to test-drive free bikes donated by Acura with the LAPD bike patrol. The kids are part of the YES-PAL program, which stands for "Youth Education Sports Police Activities League."

BUSH/NO CHILD

Jan 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a ceremony was held in the East room of the White House to mark the one-year anniversary of the "No Child Left Behind Act." The redefines the federal role in K-12 education and is intended to help close the achievement gap between disadvantaged and minority students and their peers.

SCHOOLS/BUDGET

Jan 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :38)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that K through twelve schools would lose nearly 5.4 billion dollars in the next 18 months. In higher education, there will be tuition increases across the board and community college fees will more than double.

AMBER ALERT

Jan 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :49)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Diane Feinstein and a group of senators introduced a measure to establish a national Amber Alert system to help find missing children. The Senate passed the legislation unanimously, but the bill got bogged down in a house committee when unrelated measures were tacked onto it.

LA SCHOOLS

Jan 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :31)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Governor Davis new budget plan means big cuts for the LA Unified School District. The new state budget cuts will reduce the amount the district was set to receive by nearly 700 million dollars.

CHARTER SCHOOL**Jan 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:15)**

KCAL9 reporter Nikki Jackson reported that Compton's Westwood High was in danger of being shut down. The man who runs Westwood charter, Ron Flenner, admitted that he did not warn administrators about the possible closure. However, at the last minute a plan was worked out to keep the school open.

UC FEES**Jan 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that Governor Davis' proposed budget cuts could have a major impact on the UC Schools. Under the governor's plan the UC system would lose \$300 million in state funding. School officials say that in order to make up the difference students can expect a much higher increase in annual fees.

ADHD**Jan 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:16)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported the new drug Stattera is the first non-stimulant approved treatment for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Stattera is now available by prescription in pharmacies nationwide and has been approved for children, adolescents, and adults.

PREMATURE BIRTHS**Jan 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported that the March of Dimes launched a \$75 million campaign aimed at tackling the growing premature birth problem. The rate of premature birth has jumped 23 percent since the early 80's.

CSUN ROTC PROTEST**Jan 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :26)**

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reported that thousands of students at Cal State Northridge led a protest against what they call the militarization of their school. The students claimed that the ROTC program at their school is racist and sexist and targets people of color.

SHUTTLE/ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**February 4, 12pm newscast (TRT :55)**

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reported that three Dorsey HS students had a connection to the Columbia shuttle. Their silkworm larvae experiment was placed aboard as part of the "NASA Stars" program. LA Mayor Jim Hahn and Congress Woman Diane Watson recognized

the students and encouraged them to persevere in the wake of the tragedy.

FUND FOR CHILDREN

February 4, 3pm newscast (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a fund was set up to help for the 12 children of the astronauts killed on the "Columbia." The fund was set up originally to help the children of the "Challenger" crew.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

February 4, 8pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported on a Wiz kid from Tustin who has invented a new backpack. Promising to ease the burden and back pain for school kids who have lots of books to carry.

SCHOOL WALKOUTS

February 6, 8pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that students from the Los Angeles Center for enriched kids walked out of schools on an Anti-War protest. KCAL reporter Jamie Garza spoke with these students and found them to be well informed about the growing crisis.

HARRY POTTER PRICE

February 7, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reported that the new Harry Potter Book is already the highest priced children's novel in history, despite the fact that it has yet to be published. Publishers blame the rising cost on paper and printing.

STAR SEARCH FINAL

February 7, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 anchor Suzanne Rico reported on the weeks "Star Search" results. Young teen, Lisa Tucker, made it as a finalist but lost to 10-year-old Tiffany Evans from New Jersey.

KIDS HOSPITAL CARE

February 7, 12pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that parents are having a harder time getting in to see the doctor due to the rising cost of healthcare. This also affects the amount of time children spend with a Doctor. According to recent polls, Doctors are concerned about the

amount of time spent with parents and children and the impact this is having on the quality of care for all families.

DECATHALON WINNER

February 7, 4pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that the L.A. Unified School District's Academic Decathlon winner and Cream of the Crop is Taft High School in Woodland Hills.

CHILD ABANDONED

February 10, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported that a man and woman are in custody tonight in San Bernardino County. Accused of leaving a baby girl alone in a corner market.

TOXIC SCHOOL

February 10, 10pm newscast (TRT 4:55)

KCAL9 anchor Drew Griffin reported on the hidden dangers at Beverly Hills High School, putting students lives in danger. Special Assignment went undercover for this exclusive on what the students are being exposed to.

GANSTER LOVE

February 11, 9pm newscast (TRT 4:05)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on the tragic story of a young woman involved with a gang member. In an attempt to get out, her mother and sister were murdered in. She is now in LAPD police custody. The former boyfriend remains at large.

STRAIGHT-EDGE

February 20, 10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported on a new trend with some teens...swearing off cigarettes, drugs and alcohol. It is a movement that began in Washington, DC and now found nationwide. Fiercely independent, they use hard-core music and the Internet to communicate and have special "chemical-free" clubs where they hang out.

BUDGET CUTS PROTEST

February 26, 9pm newscast (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Protestors took to the streets of Downtown L.A. to rally against Governor Davis' proposed cuts to the Education budget. They are angry the State budget called for more

cuts to Education but increased the spending on State correctional programs.

ABANDONED BABY

February 27, 8pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that City Representatives spoke to teens about the Safe Haven Surrender Program, allowing women to bring unwanted babies up to 3 days old, to a hospital without fear of prosecution. Last month Alex Padilla introduced a motion to designate all city of L.A. fire stations as Safe Haven sites also.

AMBER ALERT

February 27, 3pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that SBC Communications Company is going on line with a new system-notifying technicians when an Amber Alert is issued. Pages will notify technicians, statewide, of basic information of the alert so they can be on the lookout for the missing children.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

March 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a Northern California school district is fighting for the right to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and taking it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. School officials are warning other schools to recite while you can. The decision could come down in the next week to eliminate it because of the words "under God".

STUDENT STRIKE

March 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Angela Chee reported live from a protest at Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, that high school and college students around California are walking out of class to protest U.S. military action against Iraq.

ODD

March 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that what once was considered bratty behavior in children now has a name and it is now seen as a psychological disability.

ROTC UNIFORM

March 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported a student in

Carson got in trouble for wearing combat fatigues to school even though the uniform is part of the ROTC program. A call to KCAL9 helped resolve the problem.

COLLEGE JOURNALIST

March 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported that while most aspiring journalists have to pay their dues for years to become journalists, one local student is about to get a once in a lifetime assignment even before he graduates. He has been credentialed by the U.S. government to cover the crisis in Iraq.

ALCOHOL 101

March 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Julie Vallese reported that there is a new push to educate college students about the realities of alcohol abuse and alcohol poisoning.

YOUTHBUILD

March 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that young people in Boyle Heights are turning their lives around. Young people who escaped the pull of gangs and drugs are now building a new future for a needy family. They are building them a new home.

FOSTER CHILD SUIT

March 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :59)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that LA County has settled a class action lawsuit that could mean a better life for foster children. The ACLU sued the county on behalf of five foster children alleging that nearly 80 percent of children in county custody who have emotional or mental problems aren't getting the help they need to finish school and lead productive lives.

UNINSURED CHILDREN

March 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported teachers and parents were in downtown LA to talk about the health insurance crisis. The group emphasized the contribution teachers make to student's physical and mental health through the partnership program, "teachers for healthy kids".

MOBILE CAMERA/GANGS**March 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :36)**

KCAL9 Kerry Kilbride reported that a mobile high-tech surveillance camera is being credited for reducing gang crime around one Southland school. The camera set up around Sun Valley Middle School, helped make a drastic reduction in crime.

PSYCHIATRIST KIDS**March 20, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:29)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that many kids who are aware of the war might be struggling to make sense of the situation and some may not be able to handle the barrage of information. One psychologist tells Dilva how parents can help their children cope.

KIDS WAR**March 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:45)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry checks in with another child psychologist to help parents learn how to help their children cope with what they are seeing watching non-stop war television coverage.

HAHN/STUDENTS FEARS**March 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)**

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that a group of students got to share their concerns about the war with LA City Mayor James Hahn.

ULTIMATE OUTLET**Jan 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Ultimate Outlet in South Pasadena gets excessive merchandise from wholesalers. The outlet specializes in clothing and accessories.

ENERGY REPORT**Jan 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new 34-page report by the managers of California Power Grid states that Sempra Energy and other companies might have also used Enron-style tactics during the 2001 power shortage.

NEW CASTLE DISEASE**Jan 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Riverside county has been declared a disaster area due to the outbreak of New Castle disease which has resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of chickens. Riverside County is California's largest poultry producer. This is affecting an industry that employs hundreds of people.

TAX PLANS**Jan 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that it could be months before any of the current tax cut proposals are concluded in Washington or any tax hikes are passed in Sacramento. If state tax rates do go up investors might want to look into tax-free investments.

FUTURE OF AIRLINES**Jan 9, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :48)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the airlines say they are in financial distress after 9-11 due to the billions of dollars they have to spend in new security features. The airlines are asking the government for financial bailouts.

POST-CHRISTMAS DEBT**Jan 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that surveys show that the average family charged more than \$1500 during the holidays. Credit Counselors are urging people to pay at least double their

minimum monthly payment or more if they can. If they cannot pay that much then they can ask their credit card companies to reduce their monthly interest rates.

DAVIS TRIBES

Jan 16, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :39)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Governor Davis says he is open to expansion of Indian Gaming casinos if tribe re-work contracts to give more money to the state. Davis thinks the casinos could generate an additional \$1.5 billion for the state.

LONG TERM CARE

Jan 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that more Long Term Care Insurance companies have financial problems and are getting special permission from the state to raise policy rates. Bigger insurance companies that diversify are safer for people.

GOLD/IRAQ

Jan 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that at California Numismatic Investments, a gold trading firm in Inglewood, says that gold sales have tripled from a year ago. War fears are causing people to invest in gold. The falling value of the US Dollar, also due to war fears, is pushing up gold prices.

MORTGAGE DEALS

Jan 27, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that mortgage rates are back to their lowest levels in four decades. Some lenders promote what they call No-cost loans where the costs are actually factored into interest rates.

MILITARY ORDERS

Jan 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Cardona Manufacturing in Burbank makes precision housing for electronics used in cockpits of jet fighters and in the controls of warships. They have not had any rush orders even though the War with Iraq may come soon. The companies that deal with ammunitions and smart bombs are the ones that have been very busy in the last few months.

MARKET REACTION

Jan 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that consumer stocks including food and tobacco are considered stocks for safety. Clients invest in those stocks during troubles times. They have long-term track records, they are big stable companies, and they produce stable earnings.

KNOCK-OFFS

Jan 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that knock-offs of designer goods couldn't have a false label or logo on the item. There is an internet company called anyknockoff.com that sells knock-off that are very close to the originals, but for a fraction of the cost.

SHUTTLE ECONOMY

February 4, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the suspension of the shuttle program would not likely endanger Southland jobs as in past years. Most space transport jobs moved out of Southern California because of financial issues. However, some of the planning activity could likely start hear, opening up new opportunities.

SPACE STOCKS

February 5, 3pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the shuttle disaster is showing effects at a local Investment Firm. The creator of the Blue and White fund, a mutual fund for investing in Israeli companies, was hoping to have the Israeli Astronaut participate in the project. They are saddened by the loss, but believe Israeli high tech firms are the future of space exploration.

WELLS FARGO

February 7, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that thousands of homeowners were allegedly cheated by Wells Fargo. The California Department of Corporations say mistakes on 2001 Mortgage loans overcharges potentially totaled 60 million dollars. Wells Fargo told the Department of Corporations that they got it all wrong over the settlement fees.

NEW MORTGAGE LA

February 12, 2pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the standard residential insurance policy has some big gaps when it comes to weather disasters. A standard policy will cover rain and wind damage

but will not cover flood or rising water. Homeowners should expect to pay \$300 a year for a hundred thousand dollars of additional flood insurance.

TAX HELP INTRO

February 13, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the US Government and the IRS are giving away money to low income and middle-income families. It is the Earned Income Credit program, which rewards families for working

GAS PRICES

February 14, 9pm newscast (TRT :55)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on the rising gas prices in Los Angeles. Up ten cents a gallon from the past week. War fears and Venezuelan Oil workers strikes are being blamed. But AAA's president accused the oil companies of coming uncomfortably close to gouging.

PRIVATE LINES

February 19, 10pm newscast (TRT 4:43)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that each day 236 Americans are victims of identity theft. Noted Internet authority Alen Schlein provided concrete steps in protecting privacy.

TERROR INSURANCE

February 21, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Insurance Industry is under grips. Life Insurance protects against acts of terrorism but not if caused by a declared War. The U-N Declaration against Iraq shifts terrorism into a gray area, leaving consumers uninsured.

SHERIFF SHOOTING REPORT

February 25, 8pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors said the Sheriff's Department has been involved in more officer involved shootings than the LAPD. Special council Merrick Bobb said the increase in shootings since 1999 is costing the Department millions of dollars in lawsuits.

PHONE DEALS

February 26, 3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the owner of the Santa Monica phone service company USG, ordered too many of the

Motorola V-75 and is giving away these phones with a free service plan. In addition, buys also receive the factory rebate on \$100.

RESERVISTS FINANCES

February 26, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that many reservists who are called into active duty would have to cope with a cut in pay. Fortunately the Soldiers and Sailors relief act, enacted first during the civil war, provides financial relief concerning auto loans, mortgages, rent and installment loans.

STOCKS

February 26, 3pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the reason for the current bear market is the lack of investor confidence caused by the boardroom scandals. Companies have been accused of giving out false information about their profits, and company insiders have been indicted for their scams.

SAVINGS PLAN

February 28, 12pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Congress heard new plans proposed by President Bush regarding new types of savings plans. Senate Committee Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan warned that social security is running out of cash. Congress needs to vote for the new savings plan to lessen the shock of lower benefits from social security.

MTA FARES

March 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the MTA would consider a proposal to raise bus fares. That would mean an increase of 10 dollars more per month. Riders could also pay 10 cents less for some one-way fares. MTA fares have been frozen for years as part of a 1996 lawsuit settlement.

STOCKS

March 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that there is an increase in the nation's unemployment rate as the number of layoffs in February shot up. 308,000 jobs were lost last month and that was the biggest slide since the aftermath of 911.

ECONOMIC FORECAST**March 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:13)**

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that despite the threat of war and rising gas prices, experts say southern California could be on it's way to a rebound.

ARCO REFINERY**March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:59)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that another reason that gasoline pump prices are going up is that refineries have had some unexpected shutdowns.

GAS PRICES TODAY**March 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:27)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that for the 11th straight week, southern California's are paying more for gas and the Auto Club says it isn't going to get better anytime soon. The average price of self-serve regular gasoline in the LA area is two dollars and 10 cents a gallon, that is nearly 8 cents more than last week, 32 cents ore than last month and 64 cents more than this time last year.

VESPA STORE**March 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:20)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that while world oil prices are slightly lower, gasoline prices continue to rise. There is one business that loves the rising price of gasoline. It is the motor scooter business.

WAR OIL STOCKS**MARCH 17, 4-4:30 newscast (TRT :59)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that word of possible war pushed stocks up on Wall Street and oil prices lower on world markets. Money watchers say the rally is because traders believe the war will be shot and won quickly and with little damage to world oil markets.

SECURITY AID KIT**March 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that along with the threat of war, there has been more business for companies selling safety and protection against terrorism. Alan looks at two companies and what they are selling.

AIRLINE CANCELLATIONS**March 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :21)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported we are already to see some changes in the airline industry as the war is decreasing demand for flights. The largest reduction comes from Northwest Airline, which will cut flights by 12 percent and layoff nearly 5,000 employees. United airlines cut about 8 percent of its flights and is laying off some workers and American Airlines says it will cut international flights by 6 percent.

OIL**March 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:17)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that overall crude oil prices are one factor in the price of gasoline. Crude oil prices continue to fall and might keep going depending on how the war is fought.

GAS PRICES**March 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that explains why when crude oil prices continue to fall our pump prices remain high.

MARKET REAX**March 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that reports of American casualties and POW's reversed last week's trends for your money, stocks fell and oil prices rose.